

A RESOLUTION urging the legislative council to assign topics to the Commission on Mental Health.

Whereas, The Commission on Mental Health is charged with studying issues relating to the mental health of the citizens of Indiana; and

Whereas, During the 2008 interim, the Commission on Mental Health dealt with several important issues but was unable to fully consider all topics presented to them: Therefore,

SECTION 1. That the legislative council is urged to assign to the Commission on Mental Health the following topics:

(1) Study funding streams for mental health for the indigent and uninsured and provide consistent funding to local providers for mental health treatment;

(2) Study training in warning signs of the early onset of mental illness in children and adolescents for all teachers;

(3) Study increasing the alcohol tax to increase funding for mental health and addiction treatments; and

(4) Consider the issue of the Department of Correction assisting those eligible for Medicaid to apply 30 days prior to their release date.